been making efforts to revive the project. Government of India has agreed to facilitate any amicable resolution of the related issues in this regard. As a first step, it has been agreed that interim revival package for restarting Phase-I of the project, which has been shut down since May, 2001, be worked out by the concerned agencies. Among other things, it has been proposed that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) will undertake the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Phase-I on an interim basis as O&M contractors.

(b) In a meeting held in the Ministry of Power on 25th September,2002, it was decided that a preliminary inspection of the Dabhol Power Plant would be conducted jointly by M/s. GE India, M/s. Bechtel, NTPC, Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) and IDBI, to ascertain its condition and to work out an action plan for restart of Phase-I.

(c) The joint team visited the Dabhol power plant site during October 28—30, 2002. It was felt that a more detailed assessment and internal inspection of the equipment would need to be carried out by a team of experts, so as to ascertain the time frame for restarting the project as well as the likely expenditurre to be involved.

**Private Investment in Power Generation**

†1616. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian and foreign private sector companies, with whom agreements have been signed during the last three years for power generation in the country;

(b) what is their installed generation capacity, State-wise; and

(c) the details of progress in other projects including the Daewoo Power Project in Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) As per available information, in regard to private oower projects accorded Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC) by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), during the last three years, *i.e.* from 1.4.1999 to 31.3.2002, Power Purchase Agreements (PPA)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

have been signed between the private sector power generating companies and the States in regard to 6 power projects. This includes one project in Maharashtra (447.1MW), one in West Bengal (420 MW), one in Andhra Pradesh (520 MW), two in Karnataka (1122.6 MW) and one project in Tamil Nadu (525 MW).

As per available information, Government of Himachal Pradesh has entered into MoUs (Memorandum of Understanding) with Indian and foreign private sector companies during the last three years, *i.e.* from 1999-2000 to 2000-02 and upto October, 2002, for development of 9 hydro electric power projects having a total capacity of 407.5 MW.

(c) Since the announcement of the private power policy by the Government of India in October 1991, a total of 36 private sector power projects with a total capacity of around 7066 MW have been commissioned and another 6 projects with a total capacity of around 3080 MW are reported to be under construction. These also include those projects which do not require the TEC of CEA. Power Purchase Agreement in respect of the 2x535 MW Korba East thermal power project was entrered into between M/s. Daewoo Power (India) Limited and the Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB). With the bifurcation of the State of Madhya Pradesh, the project now falls in the newly formed State of Chhattisgarh. The project has not been able to achieve financial closure. The developers have filed a petition before the High Court, Jabalpur for refund of the security deposited by them for getting the Escrow guarantee, from the Government of Madhya Pradesh/MPSEB.

**Setting up Power Plants in the Country**

1617. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise details of power plants set up in the country during the last three years;

(b) the details of amount spent on each power plant during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The details of power plants commissioned during 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 are given in the enclosed Statement.